

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cathode ray tube comprising a panel having an outer surface which is substantially flat and an inner surface which has a radius of curvature, and a shadow mask having a plurality of apertures through which electron beams pass, wherein a ratio Sh/Sv of a horizontal dimension Sh of the aperture to a vertical dimension Sv of the aperture satisfies a condition of $Sh/Sv < 1$ at a central portion of the shadow mask, and thereby improving strength of the shadow mask. Thusly, deformation of the shadow mask caused by an external impact or the like can be minimized, and a grade of color purity of a screen can be maintained optimally.